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CHUNGKING HOPES Agreements At P.C.C. Meeting

CHUNGKING, JAN. 30. AFTER 10 DAYS OF HOPES, DISAPPOINTMENTS AND TENSION, OPTIMISM OVER CHINA'S CHANCES OF AN ERA OF PEACE, UNITY AND RECONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN FORTIFIED BY THE LARGE MEASURE OF AGREEMENT REACHED BY THE POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE. ONLY ONE MAJOR ISSUE—THE DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS IN THE EXECUTIVE YUAN, CHINA'S CABINET, WAS STILL UNSOLVED LAST NIGHT AND ANOTHER, THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, WAS BEING DISCUSSED IN AN ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE STALEMATE.

H.K. Service

New York, Jan. 30. The resumption of a regular steamship service of the American and Manchurian-Ellerman and Bucknall Steamship Co. Ltd. to the Philippines, Hong Kong, Shanghai and the Siam Settlement has been announced.

PIRATES FOILED

A DARING BUT UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT AT PIRACY WAS MADE ON THE MOTOR JUNK "TAI HING" ABOUT AN HOUR'S JOURNEY FROM MACAO ON JAN. 26, SHORTLY AFTER 2 P.M., AS SHE WAS ON HER WAY FROM HONG KONG TO KONGMOON.

Four pirate boats manned by about 50 pirates tried to intercept the "Tai Hing" and they were assisted by accomplices on shore who opened machine gun fire on the junk. Fortunately, the crew of the "Tai Hing" were on the alert, and they returned the fire at close range. The pirates were unable to board her, and after an exchange of fire lasting half an hour, the pirates gave up the attempt.

Three of the passengers on the "Tai Hing" were wounded by gunfire, but the injuries were not serious.

The "Tai Hing" reached KONGMOON on schedule at 6 p.m., and returned to Hong Kong on Jan. 28, still bearing many bullet marks on her hull.

The "Tai Hing" left Hong Kong on Jan. 26 with about 60 passengers and a crew of 24.

Peace Prospects Brighter

Chungking, Jan. 30. With the activities at Peiping of the Executive Headquarters of the Political Party Conference—responsible for the formation of the "cease-fire" order—going on in high gear prospects of peace throughout China are getting brighter daily.

All armed clashes have stopped in northern Shansi, southern Hopei, southern Chahar and southern Suiyuan, according to the sixth communiqué from Peiping. Repair work on railways, bridges and tele-communications is under way and order is rapidly overtaking chaos in many other sections.

The question of the Executive Yuan will be left to negotiation between different parties after conclusion of the conference. Observers in Chungking, both foreign and Chinese, were impressed by the concessions made by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his Kuomintang Party towards making the conference a success after the fate of the country had been tossed into the lap of the all-party and non-partisan conference.

Observers considered the Kuomintang made two major concessions: First, curtailment of the powers of the President of the Republic, who now is Chiang Kai-shek.

Secondly, its agreement to transferring the power of appointment now held by the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang to the State Council, which is to become a national body, with the Kuomintang having 20 seats and other parties and non-partisans 20 seats.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS The decisions agreed upon are being compiled by the steering committee for formal adoption by the conference in full session.

Among other important decisions are: 1. The Government will reduce its forces to 50 divisions within six months; 2. The Communists will reduce their army to 20 divisions within three months; 3. The emergency powers of the President of the Republic must be approved by the State Council before they can be exercised; 4. The President's veto powers may be overridden by a three-fifths majority of the State Council.

One of the principal concessions made by the Communist Party and Democratic League has been to waive their former demand for a new election to the National Assembly.

The State Council, it is expected, will be an interim body which will function until the draft constitution has been adopted by the National Assembly.

The draft is to be revised within the next two months by a commission consisting of 35 persons. It will comprise five each from the Kuomintang, the Communist Party, the Democratic League, Youth Party, five non-partisans and 10 others selected by common choice.

C.E.C. MEETING The sub-committee dealing with the draft constitution, which already has concluded its work, has made several important decisions. Among them are: firstly, the Legislative Yuan is to become a house of representatives; secondly, the Central Yuan is to become a Senate; thirdly, the Executive Yuan is to be responsible to the Legislative Yuan.

The Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang and Central Supervisory Committee of the Kuomintang have been summoned to meet in joint plenary session on March 1.

This joint body, at present the highest ruling authority in China, will have to approve all decisions of the Political Consultative Conference, but while this job might evoke debate, it is expected to be a purely routine matter.—Associated Press.

Hearing The Sun

Sydney, Jan. 30. A Government scientist yesterday reported that radio-physic experiments using radar equipment recorded in Sydney the "glow" of waves generated on the surface of the interior of the sun. The scientist said he believed it was Australia's first record of the sun's rays.

He said: "The life of every person on earth may be affected materially as a result" but did not elaborate on his statement.—Associated Press.

GOVERNMENT ISSUES A WARNING

IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEMONSTRATION AFTER LAST SUNDAY'S FOOTBALL MATCH AT CAUSEWAY BAY, THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE YESTERDAY THROUGH THE PRESS RELATIONS OFFICE.

"The Administration will not allow law-abiding citizens of Hong Kong to be inconvenienced by the activities of a mischief-making minority. The public are reminded that the Colony is under Military Administration and the authorities are prepared to take all measures deemed necessary to maintain public order."

Mr. F. C. Gimson's New Post

LONDON, JAN. 30. BRITAIN'S COLONIAL SECRETARY, MR. GEORGE HALL, YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT MR. MALCOLM MACDONALD, HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CANADA AND SON OF THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER, RAMSAY MACDONALD, HAS BEEN SELECTED AS GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF MALAYA AND SINGAPORE UNDER THE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE SET-UP.

Mr. Hall said the appointment awaited only Parliament's approval of the new plan by which Singapore will become a separate colony and the nine states in the Malay peninsula with Penang and Malacca incorporated into the Malayan Union.

Simultaneous with the appointment of Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Hall said the Government also would choose Sir Edward Gent, Assistant Under-Secretary of State in the Colonial Office, as Governor of the Malayan Union, and Mr. F. C. Gimson, Colonial Secretary at Hong Kong, as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Singapore.

Mr. Macdonald, 44, resigned as Minister of Health in 1941 to accept the Canadian post. His five year term in that position expires in April.

He was formerly Dominions Secretary and was leader of the Labour Party in Parliament after the death of his father.—Associated Press.

Mr. Gimson, 44, arrived in Hong Kong to take up his post here two days before the Pacific War was declared at Stanley for the past few years.

A ROOSEVELT IN LADIES' STORE Los Angeles, Jan. 30. John Roosevelt, youngest son of the late President, is going to be a "ladies' ready-to-wear" store executive.

AIR MINISTRY'S NEW SCHEME

SINGAPORE, JAN. 30. A SCHEME THAT WILL ENSURE A STEADY FLOW OF HIGHLY TRAINED AND EXPERIENCED AIR CREWS DIRECT FROM TRANSPORT FLYING IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE TO BRITISH CIVIL AVIATION IS ANNOUNCED BY THE AIR MINISTRY. THIS DEVELOPMENT, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTURE OF CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT CONCERNS THOSE FLYING MEN WHO DO NOT DESIRE OR ARE NOT SELECTED FOR PERMANENT SERVICE IN THE R.A.F., BUT WANT CIVIL FLYING POSTS.

The opportunity open to them is an extended service engagement from which they shall be released when offered an appointment in Civil Air Transport by this means the Civil lines will secure a supply of crews with up to date experience and in flying practice.

Transport command is obviously the main source from which civil transport flying will draw crews but it is recognised that it would be unfair if opportunities were denied to men of the other commands.

Already personnel in all commands may volunteer to be seconded to B.O.A.C. and now flying crews outside transport commands may apply for transfer even if a man cannot be absorbed into transport command, but is in all respects suitable for civil flying.

THE FOLD PURPOSE The purpose of the scheme which is explained in Demob. Form No. 30 is twofold. To assist men in their quest for civil flying posts, and at the same time maintain the highest possible standard of efficiency in transport command. When the command is eventually reduced to its permanent post-war establishment it will be manned largely by regulars serving on normal engagements but until then it will have to rely to a extent on the extended service men who do not look to the

RA.F. for a permanent career. One of transport command's main difficulties is the high rate of turnover among flying crews involving the loss of so many of the most experienced men on release to Civvy Street. The majority go to jobs where their costly training and skill are of no use.

The extended service scheme aims at reducing this serious wastage by retaining crews in transport command until civil aviation can take over.

THREE POINTS The form makes three points clear: (1) A high standard of efficiency will be required and there is no guarantee that an applicant will be transferred from another command to transport command. (2) If an applicant is selected and does not make the grade in transport command he will not be kept there. (3) The fact of being selected and serving in transport command does not carry a guarantee of a good job in civil aviation but it will provide special training and experience in air transport.

A man released from extended service to make a civil air transport post will only be eligible for the reduced rate pay. An Air Ministry order is to be issued setting out the method of application and selection for transfer to transport command.

RA.F. Camp Raided Palestine, Jan. 30. The Palestine "Gazette" said yesterday new regulations have been issued providing for the first time the death penalty for specific offences in connection with the spreading of disorders in Palestine. It said the offences possibly punished by death include the discharge or carrying of firearms or explosives.

A usually reliable source said that 15 armed men wearing British uniforms raided an R.A.F. camp in southern Palestine and escaped in a jeep with several hundred automatic weapons.—Associated Press.

SINGAPORE CLASH Singapore, Jan. 30. Police clashed last night with demonstrators in sympathy with the general strike called by the Malayan Communist Party as a result of the arrest of a number of Union leaders.

Two demonstrators were arrested.—Associated Press.

Still Fighting! Manila, Jan. 30. Seventy-two Japanese soldiers were killed three days ago in southern Luzon by a Filipino battalion which tried for six weeks to persuade the Japanese holdouts to surrender.—Associated Press.

PEER'S WARNING ON MINORITIES IN MALAYA

The Weather

To-day's forecast:—Moist, east winds, cloudy with some drizzle, outlook general improvement. Yesterday's temperature:—Maximum:—64 degrees at 2 p.m. Minimum:—61.5 degrees at 8 p.m.

LONDON, JAN. 30. THERE WAS DANGER THAT MALAYA AND SINGAPORE MIGHT BECOME A DOMINION OF THE CHINESE EMPIRE INSTEAD OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, DECLARED THE CONSERVATIVE PEER VISCOUNT ELIBANK, IN THE DEBATE ON THE STRAITS SETTLEMENT (REPEAL) BILL, WHICH WAS READ FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS TODAY.

SPEAKING OF THE MINORITIES IN MALAYA, VISCOUNT ELIBANK SAID THAT 75 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION OF SINGAPORE WAS CHINESE. "UNLESS WE ARE CAREFUL WE SHALL HAND OVER MALAYA AND SINGAPORE TO THE CHINESE," HE SAID.

"We cannot ignore the fact that there is a very powerful cult in China to make the East for Chinese. Only last week 5,000 students walked through Chungking shouting 'We want Hong Kong.' If we are not careful, the next cry will be 'We want Malaya.'"

Viscount Addison, Dominion Secretary, replied that the Government was fully aware of the safeguards needed by Malaya and was exceedingly sympathetic but it had also to recognise the rights and privileges of other workers and residents there.

Viscount Mowbray asked if it was proposed that Japanese shall take citizenship under the Malayan constitution. If so, he said, there would be very strong opposition.

REFORMS NEEDED Viscount Addison replied that he had not had that question put to him before but he would enquire into it.

Lord Macmillan: "I understand that there was a recent decision whereby the Japanese would not be tolerated any more in the Malay States."

Viscount Addison: "I sincerely hope that may be so."

Viscount Cranborne, leader of the Conservatives in the House of Lords, said that prosperity in Malaya was of the utmost importance not only to Britain but to the world. Reforms were needed and any scheme adopted would have the fullest chance of success.

The Bill gives effect to the Government proposals that the Straits Settlement, Federated Malay States and non-federated Malay States should be united in one state, to be known as the Malayan Union, except for Singapore.—Reuter.

Girl's Jump From Hotel Verandah

A large crowd congregated outside the Nam Ping Hotel, Des Voeux Road—Central, at about 4.45 p.m. yesterday where a pretty young Chinese girl was lying in a pool of blood outside the Hotel.

The girl, who was about 29 years old and well-dressed, jumped from the third floor of the Hotel shortly after she had booked a room.

She was rushed to Queen Mary Hospital in a serious condition, with injuries to both legs and head.

According to the room boy the girl registered at 4.30 as Lam, from Macao. She insisted on a room with verandah.

BOMB 12 FT. DOWN The Chungking Arcade remained closed to traffic yesterday and will remain closed today while operations continue to remove the unexploded bomb embedded deep underground in one of the houses at the end of the Arcade.

The bomb is a left-over from one of many raids carried out by American aircraft on the Kowloon peninsula in the last months of the Japanese occupation. Mine-detecting apparatus located it at a depth of 12 feet underground and the delicate job of reaching and removing it, consequently, is a long and difficult one.

SPORE TRANSPORT PARALYSED Singapore, Jan. 30. The general strike called by the Malayan Communist Party protesting against the alleged arrest of Union leaders paralysed civilian transportation facilities today. Many shops have been closed as a result. Rickshaws, taxis attempting to carry passengers were stopped by strike demonstrators.

Communist Party leaders said that labour leaders have been arrested at Kuala Lumpur, Johore and Perak.—Associated Press.

Fascinating

Los Angeles, Jan. 30. Australian actress Ann Richards, selecting ten American men who find as "most fascinating" includes General MacArthur "because his aid to Australia in its dark hours inspired my countrymen."

She also chooses General Joseph Stilwell "because he stuck to his guns in the face of political adversity."—Associated Press.

DEV. JUST LOVES BRITAIN

WATERFORD, JAN. 30. PRIME MINISTER DE VALERA LOVES ENGLAND. SPEAKING HERE LAST NIGHT WHEN THE FLOOD OF THE CITY WAS CONFERRED ON HIM, HE WARNED THE PEOPLE THAT THEY WOULD BE WRONG TO THINK THAT EIRE HATED BRITAIN. HIS OWN ATTITUDE, HE SAID, WAS ONE OF LOVE.

"When we were struggling against Britain, it was always suggested that our actions were prompted by hatred of that country. I have never known in my heart, even at the hardest times when we should naturally feel most bitter sentiments against Britain, such a thing as hatred but I have had instead love which I believe is still a much greater force," Mr. de Valera said.

"All we wanted was to establish a foundation in which we could live side by side together as good friends. That is my position to-day—as it was 30 years ago. Once the rights of the Irish nation are recognised and established then we recognise that with Britain as our nearest neighbour, there are many things we have in common and we are prepared to co-operate with Britain in things in which we should co-operate. If Britain wants co-operation on that basis she can have it gladly."—Reuter.

ONE-LB. BABY WILL LIVE

HOLLYWOOD, JAN. 30. A BABY GIRL WHO WAS GIVEN ONLY ONE CHANCE IN 50,000 TO LIVE WHEN SHE WAS BORN THREE MONTHS PREMATURELY WILL PROBABLY SURVIVE, HER PHYSICIAN FATHER SAID YESTERDAY.

She weighed only about one pound at birth. She was placed immediately in a special incubator under constant temperature and humidity with a continuous flow of oxygen. The baby's twin which weighed about 1-1/2 pounds died three hours after birth.

The father declined to permit the use of his name.—Associated Press.

EUROPEANS IN AUSTIN ROAD ROBBERY

No arrests have as yet been effected. It was learned last night in connection with an armed robbery reported by the inmates of a flat at 180, Austin Road.

The robbery, it was reported to the Police, was carried out about 10.55 p.m. on Tuesday. It is alleged that the intruders, numbering five, three of them armed with automatic pistols, were Europeans in service uniform.

"They are alleged to have robbed the inmates of the flat of gold watches, a diamond ring and \$170 in notes."

SHIRLEY'S HUSBAND DISCHARGED Fort Douglas, Wash., Jan. 30. Sergeant Shirley's husband, a Marine aviator, has been discharged from the hospital after a long illness.—Associated Press.

TRAIN COLLISION

Some 100 people were injured in a collision between a passenger train and a freight train near Chicago yesterday.

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Forced To Celebrate F.D.R. Death

Tokyo, Jan. 30. Charges that Japanese army captain Yuhichi Sakamoto, former commander of two prison camps, had forced American prisoners of war to attend and furnish entertainment at a Japanese party celebrating the death of President Roosevelt were refuted from Allied Headquarters' local section to the 8th Army, for trial before the Military Commission. Sakamoto is also accused of brutal atrocities by himself and men under his command. Charges of "cruel, inhuman and brutal atrocities" against Shimomaru Odachi were also announced. Odachi is charged with contributing to the deaths of four Americans by beatings and by refusing to issue Red Cross and other medical supplies.—Associated Press.

A COMEDOWN

Berlin, Jan. 30. Soviet authorities here yesterday announced that the great Leuna synthetic oil plant at Halle which is one of the Nazi industry's chief cores in producing baking powder now.—Associated Press.

RICE SMUGGLING

Tokyo, Jan. 30. General MacArthur today ordered the Japanese Government to take action to halt smuggling of food and other merchandise from Korea into Japan. Allied officials said they received reports that considerable rice was being smuggled into Kyushu and western Honshu.—Associated Press.

ORGANISED MOVEMENT

Bad Tölz, Germany, Jan. 30. A United States Third Army Intelligence report on infiltration of Polish Jews into the American occupation zone says the movement is financed and organized by Zionist groups within Poland. The report says the Jews believe that if Palestine is inaccessible, a Jewish state will be established in Bavaria.—Associated Press.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that all powers of attorney in effect December 29th, 1944, for the Colony of Hong Kong and its dependencies have been revoked and are considered null and void. Notice is further given that Mr. Roy R. Pearson and Mr. Edgar L. Hesser are now appointed under powers of attorney from our Head Office.

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Uno Adjourns Without Action

(New Lead U.N.O. Conference).

LONDON, Jan. 29.

THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED LAST NIGHT UNTIL WEDNESDAY WITHOUT TAKING ACTION ON IRAN'S CHARGES OF RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN HER INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AFTER A PROLONGED PRESENTATION OF THE RUSSIAN AND IRANIAN ARGUMENTS.

RUSSIA YESTERDAY CHALLENGED THE VALIDITY OF IRAN'S APPEAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL AFTER IRAN'S CHIEF DELEGATE TO THE U.N.O. HAD CHARGED THE SOVIET UNION WITH INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF HIS COUNTRY.

Andrei Vishinsky, blunt-spoken Vice-Foreign Minister of the U.S.S.R., told the Council in its first major hearing on a political issue between sovereign states that the Iranian charges were "raised by a government no longer in power and the claims have not sufficient grounds" for action by the Council.

S. H. Taqizadeh, Iranian Ambassador to London, had declared that "there have been a number of interventions in Iranian affairs by Soviet Authorities" and in effect asked the Council to prevent any more of such actions.

"JUST AND FAIR"

In his speech, Vishinsky asked specifically that the Security Council "leave the matter aside and open for solution by negotiations by both parties." This, he said, "would be more than just and fair and would be in the spirit of good neighbourliness."

Vishinsky said he wanted cordial relations with all nations and he declared his government had never refused to negotiate the Iranian difficulties with Tehran and that under the Charter this method was the first which should be applied in an international dispute. In the recent case, he said, there were no grounds on which the Council should concern itself.

"It is much too early," he declared, "to say that the parties to the dispute cannot come to terms between themselves. The refusal to continue negotiations came from the Iranian side and not from the Soviet side. We were and are prepared to continue these negotiations."

Taqizadeh was named chief of his delegation and Iran's first appeal to the Security Council was made under the Hakkim Teheran Government which was succeeded over the week-end by one led by Qavam es Sultaneh who said he would seek direct negotiations with Russia.

No announcement of new instructions was made by officials here though Sultaneh said he was sending them.

FOUR REQUESTS
Taqizadeh made four specific requests to the Security Council:

(1)—That it recommend that the terms of the 1945 treaty with Russia providing for the withdrawal of troops from Iran be strictly adhered to. (2) That the Soviet authorities take no action in Iran contrary to the Teheran declaration made by the late President Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill, guaranteeing the independence of Iran. (3) That the Soviet authorities in

JAP. LINES OF COMMUNICATION NO GOOD

Tokyo, Jan. 29. A survey of Japanese communications—from radio to city mail delivery—convinces one that the Imperial Government was telling the truth when, after agreeing to surrender, it pleaded inability to promptly advise all field commanders.

At the time this appeared as "more stalling" but marvel is that it was accomplished so rapidly.

Service is now reported better than at the end of the war but even now six to seven hours is considered good time to move a telegram from Tokyo to Osaka—about the same distance as from New York to Washington. Delay to outlying sections is so great that all telegrams are mailed to Kyushu as the fastest way of delivering them.

Equipment generally is poor and worn out and operators are often inept. When you learn from an old resident of Tokyo that it sometimes takes ten days for a letter to be delivered inside the city and then shivers through an afternoon in dimly lighted, unheated rooms of an imposing communication centre there is no doubt that your mind will realise why the Japanese found it difficult to inform their outlying forces.

Most efficient communication methods seem to be the pneumatic tube system connecting the Central Telegraph office with 13 buildings.—Associated Press.

U.N.O. Trusteeship

Trusteeship

London, Jan. 29.

Although overshadowed by the momentous meeting of the U.N.O. Security Council, the committee work of the U.N.O. went steadily ahead today.

The meeting of the Trusteeship Committee was notable for the plea by the Indian delegate for mandatory powers to take immediate steps to bring their mandates under trusteeship. The peoples of Asia and Africa, he said, constituted more than half the world's population, and the manner in which the trusteeship section of the Charter was implemented would be the supreme test of the U.N.O.'s high ideals.

The Trusteeship Committee had met to consider nine amendments to the words "States directly concerned" in connexion with mandated territory. The committee's work is being considerably speeded up and the first half of the Assembly, now taking place in London, is expected to finish by Feb. 10, assembling in the United States sometimes in April.—Router.

Invitation To Attend Bomb Test

Washington, Jan. 30.

Secretary of State James Byrnes, said today that President Truman has approved his proposal to invite the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission to witness bomb tests against naval ships.

Byrnes emphasised, however, that even with the President's approval his proposal should not yet be construed as a final Government policy on the subject. He indicated that War Secretary Robert Patterson and Navy Secretary James Forrestal are discussing the question of witnesses.

If Byrnes' recommendations are adopted it would mean that officials from Russia, Britain, France, China, Australia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Brazil, the Netherlands, Egypt and Canada would be on hand for the experiment this Spring off the mid-Pacific Marshall Islands.—Associated Press.

Manus May Go To U.S.

Sydney, Jan. 30.

A "Morning Herald" Canberra story published yesterday said the American and Australian governments are expected to discuss the transfer of Manus Island to the United States as a naval and air base.

The "Herald" said the "conditions of granting Manus to the United States are expected to be that the U.N.O. should guarantee facilities for enforcing international security and that British ships should have the right to use it in an emergency."—Associated Press.

AIRMEN BURIED

San Francisco, Jan. 30.

The bodies of the two Filipino fliers who were killed in a recent plane crash near the training base at Eniwetok, Oklahoma, were yesterday buried with full military honours at San Bruno Cemetery near here. A U.S. Army Catholic chaplain said the funeral service for Major Harold J. Ferris and Lieutenant Kenneth Lee was the first of its kind since the war. The bodies were flown from Eniwetok to San Bruno by a C-47 transport plane.—Associated Press.

Conservatives Unite In France

Paris, Jan. 29.

With the French National Constituent Assembly meeting today to hear the programme of the new Goulin Government, the formation of a new single Conservative Party called the "Republican Party of Liberty" has been announced.

The party is the first attempt to create organised opposition to the Communist-Socialist-Progressive Catholic coalition. It is believed that the Government has agreed in principle to the death penalty for certain black market offences.

The balance sheet of French finances published yesterday indicates that France has reasonable prospect of averting a financial and currency crisis and that for at least a year the Treasury will have funds to pay for imports.—Router.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN FRIENDSHIP

Moscow, Jan. 29.

Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, retiring British Ambassador to Moscow, now on his way to Japan, where he will help in seeking a solution of the Indonesian problem, in a farewell message published in the Russian language "British Ally", a weekly British newspaper in Moscow, says: "During the war, a friendship has been built up between our two peoples which will form a solid foundation for peaceful reconstruction in the years ahead."

"I wish to express my faith in the future of Anglo-Soviet relations and my confidence that the friendship between our two peoples will grow ever firmer."—Router.

P.I. Attack Orders

Manila, Jan. 30.

Orders for the invasion of the Philippines were issued on Nov. 20 1941, 18 days before the attack on Pearl Harbour, Col. Yoshio Nakajima testified yesterday at the war crimes trial of Lt. Gen. Homma.

Nakajima also said the Japanese learned from a San Francisco broadcast on Dec. 28, 1941, that General MacArthur had declared Manila an open city two days previously. Some previous testimony in the trial attempted to establish that the bombing of Manila after it was declared an open city was due to lack of notification of the Japanese command.—Associated Press.

INDIES PLAN

Batavia, Jan. 30.

Acting Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies, Doctor Hubertus Van Mook, in a broadcast yesterday, stated that the Dutch Government had agreed upon a plan to create "a European and Asiatic community" in the Dutch East Indies through an Indonesian-Dutch bank which Van Mook expected to launch in Indonesia. "We think and act with a constructive work."—Associated Press.

DOWNING RATS

London, Jan. 30.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries today announced that it had received reports from several sources that a large number of rats had been seen in the streets of London. It is requested that the public should be on the alert for these pests and report any sightings to the nearest police station.—Associated Press.

Mother Of Condemned G. I. Appeals To MacA

TOKYO, JAN. 30.

THE MOTHER OF CONDEMNED PVT. JOSEPH HICKWA PLEADED WITH GENERAL MACARTHUR TO RECOMMEND CLEMENCY FOR HER SON AND DECLARED THERE WERE FACTORS WHICH MIGHT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEATHS OF THE TWO JAPANESE WHOM HE WAS CONVICTED OF STABBING FATALLY.

Mrs. Anne Hickwa told Allied Headquarters: "Torn away from home to serve his country at the age of 18 and taught to kill, having heard of many of his friends being killed, and under an emotional strain of delayed homecoming, are all factors to which might be attributed to some extent the cause for such abnormal conduct as is reportedly alleged in his case. 'Certainly they should be considered before an American soldier receives a death sentence.'"

General MacArthur replied that "final action is no longer within my prerogative" and assured her that circumstances which a "mother's love raises in the defense of your son will receive thoughtful consideration of those who sit in final judgement of this case."

Mrs. Hickwa wrote on Jan. 16: "I implore you to act immediately to request a review of the United States Army court martial proceedings under which my soldier son Joseph Hickwa was sentenced in Japan for the alleged fatal stabbing of two Japanese."—Associated Press.

Supreme Court Still Pauses

Washington, Jan. 29.

The Supreme Court again failed yesterday to hand down a decision on the appeal of Japanese General Yamashita from his death sentence for atrocities committed by Japanese troops in the Philippines.

Monday is the court's day for announcing decisions. Arguments were held on the case on January 7 and 8. Yamashita contested the authority of the American military tribunal which tried him in Manila. He is held in prison in Manila.—Associated Press.

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ARTICLE 3

REGULATION NO. 3 PROHIBITED EXPORTS.

NOTICE

In pursuance of the powers vested in me under paragraph 2 of the above Regulation, I, ALEXANDER BURGESS, Colonel, Civil Affairs, Supplies, Transport & Industry, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that the following items, namely:—

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DATED this 30th day of January, 1946;

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Colonel (S.A.),
Supplies, Transport & Industry.

Menaces Charge

Charged with demanding \$500 from Li Ka-fat with menaces or by force on Dec. 10, at No. 444 Nathan Road, Wong Wing-um, Probationary Chinese Sub-judge, appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday. No plea was taken and C.D.I. Fraser asked for seven days remand. Bail was fixed at \$500 of which \$250 was in cash.

HARBOUR OFFICE CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

ENTRY & CLEARANCE AND MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICES WILL BE OPEN ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON. THEY WILL BE CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 2ND AND FEBRUARY 4TH.

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BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG.

POLICE AND PRISONS BRANCH

NOTICE

In view of the approaching Chinese New Year, it is hereby notified that the Chief Civil Affairs Officer has given permission for fireworks, not being unlawful fireworks, to be kindled, discharged or let off within the Colony within the times set out below:

From 4 p.m. Friday, 1st of February, 1946

to 4 p.m. Monday, 3rd of February, 1946

and
From 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Friday, 8th of February, 1946 (i.e. the seventh day of the New Year)

subject to the exceptions, prohibitions and restrictions set out hereunder:

(1) No burning fireworks or other fire shall be thrown above the head, or near any person or inflammable material, and every reasonable precaution must be taken against accident.
(2) The kindling, discharging or letting off of fireworks in or in the vicinity of places of Christian Worship during Divine Services is prohibited.
(3) The kindling of Bombs, "Electric" crackers and "Golden Coin" crackers is strictly prohibited.

Occupiers of premises are warned as to their liability under the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1932, in particular in respect of any unlawful firing or throwing of fireworks at, on or from their premises.

C. H. SANSON,
Commissioner of Police.

Interesting Trophy

A trophy is now displayed in the show-window of Francis Wu's Studio, Gloucester Arcade. It is the award won by the Photographic Society of Hong Kong in the Camera Craft Annual Competition of 1941, one of the most important awards in the photographic world, competed for by camera clubs in the United States and all parts of the world in open competition.

After the fall of Hong Kong, Dr. Greaves, one of the Society's members, who managed to get away in 1943, applied to the Camera Craft for the cup (which had not yet been received by the Photographic Society of Hong Kong) and brought it back with him to be presented when the Society is once more functioning.

Friends of the Photographic Society will recall that an International Salon had been organized and was on the point of opening an exhibition at the time of the outbreak of hostilities. The pictures received to form the Salon were fortunately rescued and preserved by Mr. Francis Wu, a council member of the Society.

Dr. A. V. Greaves was President and Kenneth A. Watson was the Hon. Secretary. The Salon Committee were: Francis Wu, F.R.P.S., A.P.S.A., Major R. L. Berridge, R.E. Capt. W. C. Clark, A.R.P.S., Robert A. Bates, H. A. McKay, E. O'Neil-Shaw, H. L. Decker. It is hoped that the Salon will be held belatedly this spring or early summer. The pictures represent the artistic efforts of prominent photographers of America, Australia and the Far East and is of a very high standard indeed. It should not be missed by anyone interested in pictorial photography.

Lenient View Taken

Three Chinese, including an official of the Po On Government, were found guilty of possession of a Mauser pistol and 19 rounds of ammunition without a permit by Mr. Latimer yesterday.

Constable Peter Chan testified that he and three others searched the three accused and found the pistol on the first, Chan Ngai Kwong. A licence found on first accused was issued by the Chinese Government to one Ip Tai-Wing, brother of the second accused, Ip Wa-Fai.

Ip Tai Wing told the Court that he went to Canton on Jan. 3, and left the pistol and licence in the care of his brother. He had no idea that his brother would transfer the pistol to another person or bring it to British territory.

Mr. Smith asked for a lenient view to be taken and said that the accused were all young men. He was satisfied if a warning was given the third accused and fines imposed on the first and second accused.

Taking into consideration the fact that all three had been in prison over three weeks, Mr. Latimer acquitted the third accused, Chau Lun and fined the first and second accused each \$100.

GOLD WEAKENS

Yesterday morning gold opened at \$545 per tael, but the market weakened in the course of the day and at the close it had dropped to \$536.

Chinese national currency opened weak at HK\$1.72 to CNI\$1,000, and fell to \$5.00 at the close. American dollars strengthened to \$6.25 buyers, and English Sterling was bought at \$18.40. Australian pound notes have dropped to \$12.30.

"MANXMAN" PARTY

About 170 Chinese orphans and other children were entertained to a party on board the minesweeper H.M.S. "Manxman", yesterday afternoon.

Most of the children, whose ages ranged from 3 to 16, were from the French Convent School, Causeway Bay. They were in the care of Miss Reid and Miss Lamington of the British Red Cross and Sister Henry of the Convent School.

SERVICES QUIZ

The first of the Services "Quiz" Competitions over Z.B.W. will be held on Saturday between H.M.S. Comet and H.M.N.Z.S. Achilles. Comet will be represented by L.M. Cooper, Cdr. Wright, A.B. Stubbs and A.B. Hall, and Achilles by E.B.A. Twine, A.B. Evans, Cdr. Kayes and Tel. Miven.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 30. Ben Hogan, professional from Haverhill, Pennsylvania, shot a three under par 68 yesterday to win the 18-hole playoff in the Phoenix open golf tournament. He defeated Herman Kelsor of Akron, Ohio, after they had tied at 278 for the regular 72-hole competition. Hogan's title was worth \$2,000 and Kelsor's \$1,000.

Sonja's Suit

Chicago, Jan. 30. Sonja Henie, the well-known skating star, yesterday filed a suit of \$10,000 against Daniel E. Topping, millionaire New York sportsman, on charges of desertion. She married him on July 4, 1940, it being her first marriage and his third. Associated Press.

Hotel Loses Claim

Holding that enough evidence had been produced to satisfy the Tribunal that there was more than the mere acceptance by the applicants of rent from opponents during the Japanese occupation, the Tenancy Tribunal yesterday dismissed the application of the Great China Hotel, Ltd., for recovery of premises at Nos. 237-239, Des Voeux Road Central.

The opponents named in the application were the Tai Chung Wah Sheung Hong. Members of the Tribunal were Messrs. George She, Tung Chung-wai and Li Tung. Mr. E. S. C. Brooks represented applicant while Mr. Y. K. Kan was for opponents. The Tribunal dismissed the application on two findings, that applicant had accepted opponents as sub-tenants during the occupation and that after the re-occupation applicants failed to comply with the requirements of Article 3 of the Proclamation.

Z.B.W. STUDIO TALK

A special item in to-night's programme from Z.B.W. is a talk by Capt. C. Gwinner, D.S.O. (4 bars), D.S.C., who for five years took part in the Battle of the Atlantic, which ended only when Germany was defeated. For the last 18 months of the war Capt. Gwinner commanded the First Escort Group which guarded the convoys that crossed the Atlantic. His group was responsible for sinking a number of German submarines in that most vital battle which Britain won—"The Battle of the Atlantic". Capt. Gwinner's talk will be given from the Studio to-night at 8.00 p.m.

HOLIDAY SOFTBALL

(By "Onlooker")
The double-header softball exhibition games have their curtain-raised this Saturday, Chinese New Year's Day, at 10 a.m. sharp.

Chief Lelia "Nightingale" Xavier's "Pin-Up Gals" clashing with the Glamour Gals "the Wildcats", followed by U.S.S. Los Angeles against the Colony All Stars in the men's frames. Glamour will be all out the "Pin-Up Gals" here-Lelia Xavier teasing with Maggie Xavier at her usual job on the receiving end. At the initial sack will be Celeste Marques. Theresa Baptista ropes herself on to the key station at second. Hilda Soares is to police the rough passage of Short-Stop. At third Aida Castro. To complete the impressive field are A. Mendonca at left field, Ina Soares at centre and Betty Baptista at right. Big Chief Lelia says that for the "Wildcats" to win this time is just like wishing "A Midsummer Night's Dream" come true. Well, well, well, it's going to be a swell "softball vacation," so be there if you want to be in the excitement.

The Wildcats will have to sharpen their claws. Led by Captain Dong Mar Lum, who is assisted by others of the rough riding Mar clan—Lily, Gloria and Virginia—together with Ella Ohlman, Thema Collico, Dolly Brown, E. Babida, Irene Castilho, Irene Castro, Patsy Ribeiro, Cynthia da Motta, Sheila Sequiera, Patsy Ozorio and Helena Ribeiro. Arbitrators will be E. A. Ewings (captain), Binkinson and "Lefty" Moosdieu (bases).

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CENTRAL VILLAGES

Refused Fortune For Dog

London, Jan. 30. Leslie Hamilton of Newport must surely be the only man in Britain who has refused £4,000 for a dog. That is one of the many tempting offers he has received for "Shaggy Lass", winner of the Welsh Derby and Puppy Oaks, and possibly the best bitch puppy that greyhound racing has ever known.

After trying unsuccessfully for ten years to breed a champion, Mr. Hamilton decided that the only way to get one was to buy one. When his friend, Mr. Brendan Barry phoned from Ireland one night to say he had seen the "best bitch ever," Mr. Hamilton bought it and over came this flying youngster.

Owners with open cheques have been following Mr. Hamilton round the country, trying to tempt him to part with "Shaggy Lass." Four thousand pounds is the highest bid so far, but her owner has refused them all.

"Pride in owning such a greyhound has prevented me from accepting," he said. So far, the highest price given for a greyhound is £2,500. "Magic Bohemian" changed hands for that.

All being well, "Shaggy Lass" will go for this year's Derby, and Mr. Hamilton is hoping that she will follow in the steps of "Greta Rance"—the only bitch that has ever won the premier greyhound classic.—Reuter.

SAM ALLEN DEAD

Swindon, Jan. 30. Sam Allen, Swindon Town secretary for the last 43 years, has died aged 78. He has been associated with the club for over 50 years. For some years Mr. Allen was one of the Third Division representatives of the Football League Management Committee.—Reuter.

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PARLIAMENTARY ARGUMENT

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M.P.'s Camp Out During Debate

Capetown, Jan. 30. The Union of South Africa Assembly to-day resumed its allegiance to the Government by 83 votes to 43 after a six-day debate on a non-confidence motion in the Government introduced by Dr. Daniel Francois Malan, leader of the chief opposition Nationalist Party.

The vote ended after a 27 hours and 38 minutes continuous session in which members not actually in the debating chamber camped out on mattresses in the gymnasium.

Members of the Dominion and Labour Parties, who recently ended their wartime alliance with the United Party in the Coalition Government, abstained from voting.—Associated Press.

New Navy Envisaged

Washington, Jan. 30. Rear-Admiral Harold G. Bowen, head of the United States Navy Office of Research and Invention, says that in ten years attempts along atomic era lines may produce a Navy radically different even in appearance from the current Navy.

The Research Office will inquire into everything relating through science and industry to the Navy striking forces above or under the sea.

In field research Rear-Admiral Bowen says three subjects must be explored: atomic energy for propulsion, countercurrents for the atomic bomb, and attempts to produce raw materials for atomic power and a probe into scientific phases for guided V-weapons and supersonic speed for aircraft.—Associated Press.

False Issues

Seoul, Jan. 30. Lieut.-General John R. Hodge, Commander-in-Chief of the American Forces in Korea, yesterday issued a statement to the Korean people charging certain political leaders with disturbing them on false issues and attempting to gain personal power and advantage.

General Hodge urged Koreans to examine their leaders' policies and activities. It was no secret to the American authorities in southern Korea that the blame for the Jan. 1919 riots on anti-trusteeship was propaganda instigated by the Kim Koo Provisional Government, the statement said.

The Hodge statement pleaded for Korean support of the Moscow trusteeship decision.—Associated Press.

NEW DUTCH PLAN

Batavia, Jan. 30. Dr. Hubertus van Mook, Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies, will convey the 15-point plan, which he has brought with him from Holland, to Dr. Sutan Sharir, Indonesian "Prime Minister" in the first week in February, immediately when Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, British envoy to Java, arrives.

The plan—details of which are secret—was outlined at the Dutch-British conference at the British Prime Minister's private home at Chequers last month. It represents the considered policy of the Dutch Government and was approved by the Dutch Parliament.—Reuter.

MORGAN VINDICATED

Washington, Jan. 30. Mr. Herbert Lehman, Director-General of the U.N.R.R.A., yesterday announced he has decided to return Lieut.-General Sir Frederick Morgan to his duty as Chief of the U.N.R.R.A. operations in Germany.

The U.N.R.R.A. demanded Morgan's resignation after he had charged on Jan. 2 that a secret Jewish organization was promoting the exodus of Jews from Poland to the American zone in Germany.—Associated Press.

TOKYO QUAKE

Tokyo, Jan. 30. An earthquake of about 12 seconds' duration, jolted Tokyo at 8.40 a.m. today. It awoke many sleepers but no damage was reported.—Associated Press.

Markets Bid

Birmingham, Jan. 30. Mr. Leopold S. Amery, ex-Secretary of State for India, yesterday asserted that "American industry in all its phases is obsessed with the idea of conquering every market in the world."

"They are out to capture aviation, sea transport and finance."—Associated Press.

Emperor System Still Popular

Tokyo, Jan. 30. The belief that 90 per cent of the people would support the Emperor system if it came to a nationwide vote was expressed today by Doctor Tatsukichi Minobe, one of Japan's foremost authorities on the constitution.

The aged doctor, who was forced to resign as professor of the Imperial University by the military when he opposed them, said he believed the Emperor should retain his position "as the centre of the State."

While conceding that the Emperor system had flared into a controversial issue, Minobe said people may as well go to a plebiscite to have a showdown on the question.—Associated Press.

Jap. Elections

Tokyo, Jan. 30. The Jiji press today quoted "Mainichi" as predicting the number of candidates for the Jan. 31 general elections probably will exceed 1,000.

"Mainichi" was quoted as saying that the progressive party, largest in the last Diet, has sustained the severest blow as a result of the Allied Headquarters' political purge directive. The paper said that the liberal party is making considerable headway on the political front as a result of the confusion in the progressive party and added that the directive has also benefited the social, democratic and communist parties.

"Mainichi" credited the social democratic party as having the most favourable position with a good chance of emerging as the largest majority party after the elections.—Associated Press.

DUTRA PLEDGE

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 30. General Eurico Gaspar Dutra who is being inaugurated as Brazil's 16th President on Thursday promised the head of the Conservative Government he would dedicate himself to internal development while preserving the nation's traditionally cooperative foreign policy.

Dutra said he and his followers "in serving our country shall not destroy its traditions but will exercise the right to vote and liberty of thought to achieve continued progress with the mandate from the people."

Many believe Dutra will become more of a Parliamentary under Dutra should be backed by former President Getulio Vargas who has been elected to the Senate.—Associated Press.

CHILEAN SHOWDOWN

Santiago, Chile, Jan. 30. The Chilean Cabinet was today reshuffled as the Government prepared for a showdown with labour. Mounted troops patrolled the streets.

The Government has ordered soldiers to report to barracks and stand by.

Two Cabinet changes but military men in new posts of authority.—Associated Press.

FRENCH POLICY

Paris, Jan. 30. President Felix Gouin told the Constituent Assembly that his foreign policy envisaged "a grand tripartite accord between Russia, England and France."

In his inaugural address, Gouin also outlined a more extensive programme of nationalisation, taking in business, banks, part of the merchant navy, mines, insurance companies, electricity and gas utilities.—Associated Press.

ATHENS, JAN. 30.

Constantin Rendi was yesterday sworn in as Foreign Minister in the Greek Cabinet after being appointed to succeed John S. Karamanlis who left the government in a dispute with King George II.—Associated Press.

Tory Attack On Government

LONDON, JAN. 30. CHARGING PRIVATE ENTERPRISE PARTISANS WITH SEEKING TO "PRESERVE THE SKULL AND CROSSBONE METHODS OF THE COAL INDUSTRY," BRITAIN'S FUEL AND POWER MINISTER, EMMANUEL SHINWELL, TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT NOTHING BUT STATE OWNERSHIP OF THE PITS COULD RAISE THE NATION'S FALLING COAL OUTPUT.

HIS REMARKS OPENED A PARLIAMENTARY ARGUMENT ON THE FIRST BILL IN A PROGRAMME TO CONVERT THE COUNTRY FROM PRIVATE ECONOMY TO SOCIALISM.

The Italian Treaty

Washington, Jan. 30. United States Secretary of State James F. Byrnes at a news conference declared that the peace treaty with Italy would be the first business of the deputy Foreign Ministers Conference. He said that the deputy commission appointed by the four big powers to investigate the Italy-Yugoslav dispute over Trieste would leave London shortly, and that the Commission's findings will be considered in the final Italian peace draft.

Byrnes disclosed that the United States War Department had agreed to carry on as the occupation authority in Germany, rather than give way to the State Department. He said President Truman had agreed that the Department of State was a policy-making body, and not equipped to handle German administrative affairs.

He denied reports that American ships have carried arms to the Franco Government, via Italy to Barcelona. He said no arms had been authorised for sale to Spain and no transport for such sales had been authorised. No U.S. ships had called on Spain from Italy or anywhere else.—Associated Press.

Six-Day Debate Ends

Capetown, Jan. 30. At a sitting lasting 27½ hours—the longest in the history of the South African Parliament—the debate on the motion of no confidence in the Government of General Jan Smuts by 83 votes to 43.

The whole debate on the motion introduced by Dr. Malan, leader of the Nationalist opposition party, lasted six days.

The Labour Party amendment, urging the abolition of the profit system was defeated by 123 votes to 11, the Nationalists voting with the Government. The Labour Party did not vote in the division on Dr. Malan's motion and the Dominion Party did not vote in either division.

Winding up the debate on the motion of "no confidence," the Finance Minister Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr (United Party) said that it was proposed to adjust the Government's wartime taxation system to changed circumstances.—Reuter.

Chungking Hitch

Chungking, Jan. 30. The Political Consultative Conference to-day stalled on the Government re-organisation and National Assembly make-up.

The Chinese Communists and Democrat League representatives balked the government proposal of creating the creation of Ministers without portfolios, in the Executive Yuan and the offering of seven or eight such posts to other parties and non-partisans.

Objectors to this plan proposed that other parties and non-partisans should head half the present ministries.

The Committee dealing with the composition of the National Assembly heard the Democrat League representative say his group would not object if delegates chosen before the war retained their seats if they were openly labelled as Kuomintang delegates.—Associated Press.

SHOULD BE SECRET

Washington, Jan. 30. The House Naval Committee yesterday moved to have the United States Navy's secret code book kept in the Navy's secret vault in the Pentagon, rather than in the State Department's vault in the State Department building.—Associated Press.

The Final Chapter

London, Jan. 30. Mr. John Heasley, Australian Resident Minister in London, declared at a press conference this afternoon that the attitude of the Australian Government in regard to the enquiry into the fall of Singapore was not for the holding of post-mortems but rather to profit by experience.

The final chapter was that the Japanese had been kicked.—Reuter.

Election Of Lie

London, Jan. 30. The nomination of Tatyana Lie to the post of Secretary General of the U.N.O. left only one major organisational problem to be decided by the United Nations Assembly, election of a site in the United States for the permanent home of the world peace agency.

Meeting secretly the Security Council was in session only about half an hour. Lie was unanimously selected after a secret ballot.

Edward Stettinius was said by the delegates to have placed Lie's case before the Council to the five major powers on the Council which had agreed on Monday to elect a two-week disarrangement on the question.

It was reported that, at an informal meeting on Monday, Vice-Commodore Andrei Vishinsky announced that the U.S.S.R. was willing to withdraw its support from either the Yugoslav Ambassador Simic or Foreign Minister Wincenty Rykowski of Poland.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN'S ATOM RESEARCH

London, Jan. 30. Prime Minister Attlee told the House of Commons today that a special department in the Ministry of Supply has been set up to gather materials for atom-splitting research.

The Prime Minister said that Dr. J. D. Cockcroft, one of Britain's authorities on nuclear physics, now in Canada as director of the Empire's atomic energy research, would head the new research laboratory, establishment of which was announced in October.

The special department of supply, he added, would be headed by Lord Portal, R.A.F. Marshal.—Associated Press.

Tokyo, Jan. 30. The Japanese Cabinet today set March 31 as the date of the first general election under the new constitution. It will mark the first time that men under 25 and women are permitted to vote.—Associated Press.

Americans Add To Jap. Folk-Lore

(By Russell Brines).

TOKYO, JAN. 30. ALMOST EVERY VILLAGE VISITED BY G.I.s IN JAPAN HAS ITS STORY OF A GNARLED SHOPKEEPER BOWING OVER A HUMBLE GIFT OFFERED TO A SOLDIER "IN FRIENDSHIP." JAPAN'S FOLK-LORE IS GROWING VIRILE ON TALES OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS WHO HAVE SAVED CHILDREN FROM DEATH AT THEIR OWN RISK.

Everywhere the commonplace signmark of New Japan is the interlocked arms of strolling Americans and Japanese girls.

Fraternisation is no longer a horrible word or a seriously debatable issue here. It is accepted for good or evil because nothing can stop it. It sprang from something deeper than a soldier's loneliness or Japanese poverty.

Pushbutton emotions seemed to predominate in this bloody war and when it ended hatred was first to be drained from a majority of conquerors and conquered alike. A G. I. straining for a swift return home could not continue war against people who greeted him like a liberator.

To-day, what little restraint there is regarding fraternisation checkbooks of military regulations, language and psychological differences and among the Americans' general realization that permanent relations are impractical between the east and the west.—Associated Press.

Show-Down Near

Washington, Jan. 30. Efforts to halt the United States' two severest strikes, the nation-wide steel tie-up and the 70-days General Motors Corporation walk-out, neared the showdown stage on Tuesday.

In Detroit, defiance action before the end of the week was predicted by James Dewey, special Federal mediator between the Auto Workers' Union and the General Motors Corporation.

An official in Washington said that he also expects the strikes to end within this week. The conclusion of these two labour disputes would send nearly 1,000,000 of the nation's 1,300,000 workers back to work.

Government spokesmen declared that such deliveries to the country must be maintained. They said that any strike would be a disaster to the country.—Associated Press.

BORDER TROUBLE

London, Jan. 30. Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, said today that the British Government was not prepared to discuss the possibility of a new treaty between the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union.—Associated Press.

STORY OF DEATH RIDE IN GERMANY

NUERNBERG, JAN. 30. A NORWEGIAN SURVIVOR TOLD THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL HERE YESTERDAY OF A DEATH RIDE ACROSS GERMANY DURING WHICH MORE THAN 1,400 CONCENTRATION CAMP VICTIMS WERE KICKED FROM OPEN RAILWAY CARS.

TESTIFYING AGAINST 23 HIGH-RANKING NAZIS, HANS CAPPELON, AN OSLO ATTORNEY, SAID THE GERMANS TORTURED HIM OFTEN DURING HIS 25 MONTHS CONFINEMENT AT OSLO.

Francois Boix, a French veteran of the Spanish civil war, testified that only 30 of 2,000 Russians sent to one concentration camp survived their treatment at the hands of the Germans.

A 45-year-old laboratory secretary, Alfred Balachowsky, testified that Nazi S.S. doctors sacrificed hundreds of prisoners as human "guinea pigs" in long-chance experiments.

A Russian by birth but a naturalised Frenchman and one-time secretary in the Pasteur Institute in Paris, Balachowsky said he saw and handled the case histories of numb "patients" in Buchenwald's notorious "block 60" and "block 46."

The prisoners were used in experiments against typhus and phosphorous burns, which were nearly always fatal, he said. Experiments also were conducted in sexual hormones.

From 1942 to 1945, at least 600 persons, mostly Russians, were fatally inoculated with typhus by the Germans in order to maintain 12 strains of the disease among the inmates for further experiments. Russians usually were chosen because the Nazis had a high regard for their physical resistance.

NO SURVIVORS

Charging that "those men were murdered," Balachowsky described how in August, 1944, the Nazis tested the relative value of various typhus serums by taking 150 prisoners and inoculating 75 with serums and the other 75 injections without serum.

"Fifteen days later the 75 uninoculated persons died," he said. "The others died in varying lengths of time, according to the type of serum used. The Nazis found polch serum best."

The witness said there never were any survivors from these experiments.

"Anyone who lived through was liquidated by an intercardinal phenol injection," he said.

The huge I. G. Farben industrial plant cooperated in the trial of various chemical "cures" for typhus, the witness said, and furnished medicines for the tests at Buchenwald.—Associated Press.

Germans So Sorry For Themselves

Berlin, Jan. 30. The American Commander, General Joseph T. McNarney, today said Germans are becoming more outspoken in criticizing Allied occupation policies but that their behaviour was better than expected perhaps because of the severe winter.

Problems of displaced persons are so acute that McNarney has urged immediate inter-governmental action to take more than 250,000 homeless of American hands.

McNarney traced most of the German criticism to "a general feeling of self-pity on the part of the Germans who irrationally expected that the Allies must take care of them."—Associated Press.

STATE DEPARTMENT SORE

Washington, Jan. 30. Assistant Secretary of State William Benton yesterday asserted that "competitive rivalry" led the Associated Press and the United Press to discontinue their news service to the Government.

International short-wave propaganda, Benton said, the United Press action "was not unexpected" as a sequel to the Associated Press' decision "in view of competitive jockeying for sales position between the two organizations."

Saying that he objected to the "dog-in-the-manger attitude," Benton asserted the attitude of the Associated and United Press is "we won't do the job ourselves and we won't let you do it on behalf of the people of the United States."—Associated Press.

HUSH-HUSH MOYE

Washington, Jan. 30. Demands for a law forbidding advertising other nations of the results of the coming atomic bomb tests, today gathered momentum in the House Naval Committee, which has said they intend to write the law.

Harry Hopkins Dead

New York, Jan. 30. Harry L. Hopkins, who rose from national obscurity to become one of the most intimate advisors of the late President Roosevelt and a resident of the White House, died late yesterday at the age of 66.

Hopkins, who bore the title of special assistant to President Roosevelt, entered the New York Memorial Hospital last November. He long had suffered from a stomach ailment.

A hospital report shortly before his death that his condition was "serious but not critical" did not indicate the cause of the turn for the worse.

Hopkins was a New York state welfare worker before President Roosevelt first brought him into public prominence as head of the national work relief programs during the critical depression years. Later he became a close advisor of the President, accompanied him to many major conferences and served in the role of special personal envoy for the President.—Associated Press.

STRIKES LATEST

Pittsburg, Jan. 30. According to a survey by manufacturers and union leaders if the strike continues another month over 150,000 persons will be out of work.

At present 750,000 steel workers are on strike. Over 41,000 railroad workers, miners and steel fabricators have laid off since the strike began.

An early lay-off of 950,000 has been predicted in Mohkhan, Ohio, Missouri and Cincinnati unless the strike is settled.—Associated Press.

STOP PRESS

Batavia, Jan. 30. British artillery engaged 2,000 Indonesians near Soerabaya when they found that a bridge had been blown up. It was officially stated here today.

One hundred and eighty-one mortars with crews were captured and a large quantity of ammunition destroyed.

A British lorry was damaged by a mine and two soldiers were wounded. Two Indian soldiers were killed in the same area when a patrol was fired on by Indonesians. In another area a patrol engaged 60 Indonesians armed with machine-guns. One soldier was killed.—Reuter.

RADIO

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31st, 1940. STUDIO—TALK BY CAPT. C. GWINNER, D.S.O. & BAR, D.B.O., R.N.

ZBW HONGKONG broadcasting on a frequency of 1,600 metres and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. also on 9.52 Meters.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.35 p.m.—Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra and Bing Crosby (Vocal).

1.00 p.m.—News & announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Al-Bollington (Organ) and Garry Moore (Piano).

1.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.30 p.m.—The Comedy Harmonists.

3.00 p.m.—Services Music Box.—ENBA.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

7.15 p.m.—"For Pys"—The Singing Sailor.—ENBA.

7.30 p.m.—Studio—Hal Lorrans at the Piano.

7.50 p.m.—R.A.F. Fighter Command Band.—ENBA.

8.00 p.m.—Studio—Talk by Capt. C. Gwinner, D.S.O. & BAR, D.B.O., R.N.—"Battle of the Atlantic".

8.30 p.m.—Interlude.

8.45 p.m.—Variety—with Fred Emney, Florence Desmond, Tony Martin and Others.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

9.05 p.m.—Irene Dunne (Soprano) and the New Light Symphony Orchestra.

9.25 p.m.—"Musical Magazine"—ENBA.

10.00 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections with Paul Robinson (Bass).

10.30 p.m.—"The Big Game"—(Scene 11)—ENBA.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

Programme subject to change without notice.